



SUSPECTED SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME INCIDENT

PURPOSE

It is imperative that all prehospital personnel in ICEMA be able to assist the caregiver and local police agencies during a suspected SIDS Incident.

PROCEDURE

1. Follow individual department/agency policies at all times.
2. Ask open-ended questions about incident.
3. Explain what you are doing, the procedures you will follow, and the reasons for them.
4. If you suspect a SIDS death, explain to the parent/caregiver what SIDS is and, if this is a SIDS related death nothing they did or did not do caused the death.
5. Provide the parent/caregiver with the number of the California SIDS Information Line:

1-800-369-SIDS (7437).
6. Provide psychosocial support and explain the emergency treatment and transport of their child.
7. Assure the parent/caregiver that your activities are standard procedures for the investigation of all death incidents and that there is no suspicion of wrongdoing.